

House Resolution No. 1421

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of Outstanding Missourian through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Martin Rucker of Saint Joseph, Missouri, attained considerable distinction as an outstanding Tight End with the University of Missouri Tigers football team; and

Whereas, on April 2, 2008, Martin Rucker will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

Whereas, an alumnus of Benton High School in Saint Joseph, Martin Rucker graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in December 2007 as a hotel and restaurant management major; and

Whereas, by the end of his four years on the collegiate gridiron, Martin Rucker set Mizzou records for Career Receptions (203) and Career Reception Yards (2,175); became the 27th All-American in school history; earned the title of John Mackey National Tight End of the Week; and was named to the First Team, All Big 12 and as a consensus member of the First Team, All-American rosters; and

Whereas, named as the scout team MVP during his 2003 redshirt season, Martin Rucker continued to accrue well-deserved honors and accolades as the 2004 Team Freshman of the Year, 2005 Team Receiver of the Year, and 2006 Team Metro Kansas City Player of the Year, among numerous other recognitions; and

Whereas, in addition to his record-setting senior year, Martin Rucker has enjoyed such career highlights as 2 touchdowns against Baylor in 2004, and a 48-yard reception, 8 total receptions, and 102 receiving yards gained against Kansas State in 2005; and

Whereas, Martin Rucker is justifiably proud to be known as the son of LaVell Rucker and State Representative Martin T. Rucker and as the sibling of Billy, Mike, and Micah:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Martin Rucker as an Outstanding Missourian, and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 2, 2008, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Outstanding Missourian Martin Rucker of Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Martin T. Rucker
District No. 29

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1421, adopted April 1, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker